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SURFACE FACILITIES FOREMAN FOR SHOPS, LABS, WAREHOUSES AND CLEAR CUTTING OPERATIONS (COAL)

Article 3 of the **Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia** establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: **Surface Facilities Foreman for Shops, Labs, Warehouses, and Clear Cutting Operations (Coal)*

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform foreman and/or examiner duties at shops, labs, warehouses and clear cutting required by State and Federal laws and regulations

NOTE: This certification shall not be used in lieu of other certifications.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
 - **Note:** Classes are limited to 20 people and tend to fill quickly. Application fees are due no later than 5 working days prior to the examination, but this will not guarantee that an opening will be available.
- Possess one year work experience at a shop, lab or warehouse or appropriately related coal mining work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines.
NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination. After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Hold a General Miner Certification as part of this certification (A card will be issued)

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 80% on each element of the examination

ELEMENTS OF EXAM	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS
First Aid (FA)	20
Surface Facilities (SF)	100
▪ Electrical	
▪ Equipment	
▪ Examinations	
▪ Fire Prevention	
▪ General Provisions	
▪ Legal Requirements	
▪ Clear Cutting Safety Precautions	
▪ Personal Protection	
▪ Gas Detection - practical demonstration	
▪ Records – on-shift exercise	

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

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| ■ Title 30 CFR Part 50, 71, 77 (Included in study guide) | ■ Surface Facilities Foreman Guide (\$7.00) |
| ■ Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia (\$25.00) | ■ First Aid for Miners Study Guide (\$15.00) |
| ■ BCME Requirements (No Charge) | |

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy’s Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8235 and Lebanon Field Office (276) 415-9650.